

Promises Made, Promises Broken

Truth-telling leads to consequences at the Swift Factory

(Part two of a two-part story)

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Prologue:

In the past week since the publication of Part One of this story, a lot has happened to Jendayi Miller, the owner-operator of the highly-regarded non-profit Angel of Edgewood and a tenant at the Swift Factory in Hartford's "Promise Zone". To her great surprise she received several official citations from State entities, including the General Assembly, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, the Connecticut Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, and the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, all of them praising her for her "unrelenting" work and her ability to organize a team of volunteers to help prepare, provide, package, and distribute



meals to underserved populations during the pandemic. And the public also rallied behind Miller in great numbers after reading the Hartford News article. In preparation for Part Two, the Hartford News reached out to Community Solutions—the Swift Factory's management team's head of Leasing and Marketing—for any response to the story's allegations. In spite of the existence of correspondence between Miller and CS as well as documentation, photos, and audio/video that proved otherwise, they denied that any of the incidents had occurred. Within a few hours after that call Community Solutions' attorney, based in that company's New York headquarters, reached out to Miller's attorney (whose letter to CS was excerpted in Part One) offering her a monetary settlement if she would move her business out of Swift, and also alluded to their management at Swift having made mistakes. Miller, who is "a fighter, not a quitter", has nonetheless been

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GRIEF AND ANGER OVER MURDER OF TODDLER



Al Mayo, a lieutenant in the New London Fire Department, lights a candle for 3-year-old Randell Tarez Jones, who was fatally shot Saturday, April 10, at the corner of Nelson and Garden Streets in Hartford. "We should be lighting candles for his birthdays, not his death," said Mayo. (Hart photos)

A warm and sunny spring afternoon in Hartford was ripped apart by gunfire and tragedy last Saturday, April 10.

Shortly before 2:30 pm on Saturday, a still unidentified gunman opened fire into a parked car at the corner of Nelson and Garden Streets. Police say the intended target managed to escape, but a passenger in the car, 3-year-old Randell Tarez Jones, was killed by the gunfire. His mother, Solmary Cruz, and his two sisters were also in the car but survived the shooting.

At 4:45 pm, shots again rang out in the neighborhood. 16-year old Ja'Mari Preston was killed only a few blocks away from the site of the murder of Randell.

Hartford Police initially said they believed

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Randell's mother, Solmary Cruz and sister comfort one another at Monday's vigil.

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This overview of Sigourney Square Park was probably taken sometime in the early 1900's. The park remains popular today, although it is one of the city's smallest parks. Sigourney Square is bounded by May, Sargeant, Sigourney and Ashley Streets. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford Public Library's Hartford Collection)

NEWS BRIEFS

Sip 'N' Paint Party April 16 At Keney Park

It doesn't matter if it's your 1st time holding a brush, or you're a Picasso. Have fun as you sip on wine or beer, have a snack while you are led through creating your own work of art. The City of Hartford Recreation Division will be hosting an in-person "Sip 'N' Paint Party on Friday, April 16, from 6 - 9 pm. Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street, Hartford. The cost is \$25.00 and includes: snacks, beer, wine and all art supplies. You must register for this event at hartfordct.myrec.com by April 4. You must be 21 years of age or older.

Earth Week Bike Ride April 17

BiCiCo will host an Earth Week Bike Ride on Saturday, April 17 starting at 8:30 am. The planned route is about 10 miles and will be ridden at a family-friendly pace. Starting point is the lot across from BiCiCo (95 Park Street). This event is free but registration is required. To register, go to <https://centerlatino.wufoo.com/forms/sat-april-17-earth-week-hartford-ride>. Facemasks required.

Colt Park Clean-up April 17

The Friends of Colt Park will hold a clean up of the park on Saturday, April 17, starting at 10 am. Volunteers are asked to meet at the picnic table by the playscape. Please email swar-rds@comcast.net to register to join us. We will have gloves, bags, pickers, carts for picking up branches as well as coffee and a snack.

Volunteer to Register Your Neighbors for the COVID-19 Vaccine

The City of Hartford is offering free training for those residents who are willing and able to sign up their fellow residents for the vaccine. All residents need is a phone, tablet, or computer with internet, and the City will conduct short trainings in English and Spanish on how to use the Calendly app to make vaccine appointments. Training is in the evenings via Zoom in English and Spanish. For more information on the volunteer program, please go to: <https://us.openforms.com/Form/c4e739ef-fd02-419d-8eb1-465110644dc6>.

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KNOX Gardeners Up Their Game at Dunkin Donuts Park

On Friday, April 9, gardening staff from KNOX, Inc. went to Dunkin Donuts Stadium in Downtown Hartford to get some tips from the groundskeeping crew for the Hartford Yard Goats. Head Groundskeeper Kyle Calhoon (right) is seen with KNOX's Reinaldo Rentas, Guarionex Vargas, Danny Bonilla, Angel Peña and Craig Mergins. (Hart photo)

Hartford Partners with Active City and the Youth Sports Council

Spring recreational programming for ages 5-14

BY DONNA SWARR

As we know, children have been severely impacted by the pandemic. To address the need to improve both physical and mental health, the City of Hartford is partnering with Active City and the Hartford Youth Sports Council, made up of Hartford Soccer Club, Hoopwave, Hartford Hurricanes, Hartford Wildcats, Capital Track, and Mayor Mike’s Little League Baseball to provide 1,200 children, ages 5 to 14, the chance to get involved in soccer, football, baseball, basketball, and track at no cost. Brian Gallagher’s comment was that “Organizing these great Hartford youth sports groups has been a mission of Active City and now it’s needed more than ever. And this is just the first step in a larger effort to get the city active and healthy.” Most of the spring season programming runs April 25th-June 12th. The sessions will take place in 12 locations.

Mayor Mike’s Little League Baseball is hosting an 8-week program for kids ages 6 to 12. The program will consist of developmental clinics and games on Saturdays from 1 p.m.–3p.m. at Hyland Park and Pope Park. Competition in game-like situations will prepare participants to play at a more advanced level, if they wish. All head coaches and site supervisors will be state-certified instructors to ensure children are receiving the best possible experience.

Hoopwave will offer a basketball clinic and in-house league in Hartford on Saturdays. Players will be divided into age groups and will spend half the time working on drills and skills; in the second half they’ll play games. Boys and girls ages 5-12 of all skill levels are

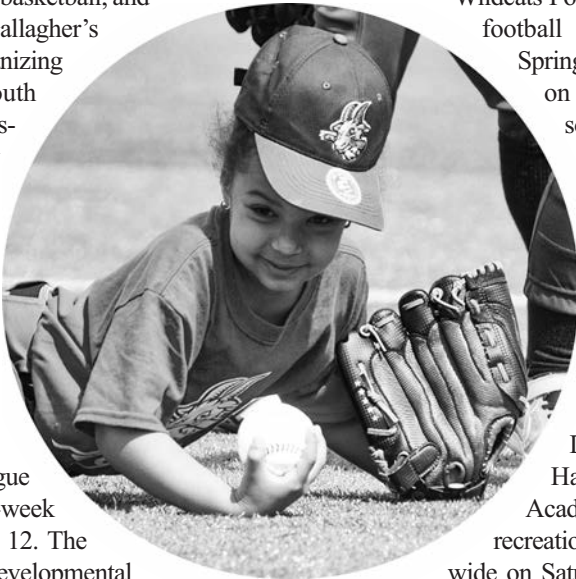
welcome. Ages 5-6 will play from 9-10 a.m., ages 7-9 will play from 10-11 a.m., and ages 10-12 will play 11 a.m.-noon in Colt and Cronin Parks.

The Hartford Hurricanes spring program is designed to engage youth ages 5-14 in their Health and Wellness program. Flag football and conditioning exercise will be incorporated into the weekly afternoon program held on Saturdays. The session runs from noon-2 p.m.

Wildcats Football will be running a flag football league at Colt Park this Spring. The program will focus on developing participant’s social and mental skills, as well as physical strength and character, while safely learning how to play flag football. Ages 7–14 can participate on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m.–noon.

Hartford Soccer Club, Hartford Premier and Developmental League, and Hartford Lions Soccer Academy are partnering to offer recreation soccer in Hartford city-wide on Saturday mornings for ages 5-12. The Program will emphasize fun and focus on soccer skills, team-work and game play. Participants are divided by age and will spend half the time on skills and drills and the second half playing games. Ages 5/6 play between 9 – 10 AM, ages 7-9 play between 10 – 11 AM and ages 10-12 play between 11 AM – Noon. Locations include Colt, Cronin, Global Academy and UConn Law.

The Capital City Track Club will offer a Youth Track & Field Program for youth aged 10-14 at Elizabeth



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Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

New Book Sheds Light on Early Hartford

A new book by Lucianne Lavin, *Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth Century Northeastern North America*, should prove of great interest to many Hartford readers. The book, which is set to released next month by SUNY Press, explores the influence of Dutch traders and settlers on the European settlement of America. While this influence on New York City and the Hudson River valley are fairly well known, advance publicity for the book (see below) says it will also examine the Dutch experience in other areas, including the Connecticut River Valley, which was explored by Dutchman

Adriaen Block in 1614. In 1633, the Dutch formally established a trading post and fort on the south side of the Park River (then known as the Little River) where it empties into the Connecticut River (still know as Dutch Point). The Dutch called the fort *Huys de Hoop* (House of Hope). English settlers arrived in 1635 and established what is now known as Hartford on the north side of the Park River. The English settlement grew quickly while the Dutch began to lose their hold on the area. In 1654, *Huys de Hoop* was abandoned. All that’s left is a single yellow brick at the Connecticut Historical Society. Since the early histories of Connecticut were almost all written by the English, the role of the Dutch was largely forgotten, although Samuel Colt did name the street he built his factory on “Huyshope Avenue,” an alternative spelling of *Huys de Hoop*.

Below is the official press release for *Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth Century Northeastern North America*.

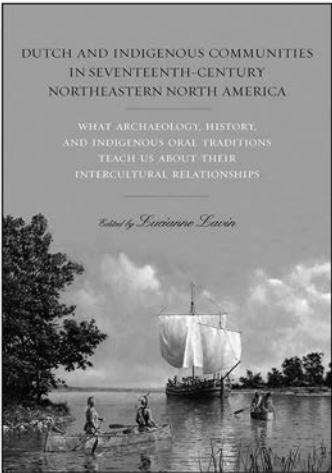
This volume of essays by historians and archaeologists offers an introduction to the significant impact of Dutch traders and settlers on the early history of Northeastern North America, as well as their extensive and intensive relationships with its Indigenous peoples. Often associated with the Hudson River Valley, New Netherland actually extended westward into present day New Jersey and Delaware and eastward to Cape Cod. Further, New Netherland was not merely a clutch of Dutch trading posts: settlers accompanied the Dutch traders, and Dutch colonists founded towns and villages along Long Island Sound, the Mid-Atlantic coast, and up the Connecticut, Hudson, and Delaware River valleys. Unfortunately, few

nonspecialists are aware of this history, especially in what was once eastern and western New Netherland (southern New England and the Delaware River Valley, respectively), and the essays collected here help strengthen the case that the Dutch deserve a more prominent position in future history books, museum exhibits, and school curricula than they have previously enjoyed.

The archaeological content includes descriptions of both recent excavations and earlier, unpublished archaeological investigations that provide new and exciting insights into Dutch involvement in regional histories, particularly within Long Island

Sound and inland New England. Although there were some incidences of cultural conflict, the archaeological and documentary findings clearly show the mutually tolerant, interdependent nature of Dutch-Indigenous relationships through time. One of the essays, by a member of the Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community’s board of directors, provides a thought-provoking Indigenous perspective on Dutch–Native American relationships that complements and supplements the considerations of his fellow writers. The new archaeological and ethnohistoric information in this book sheds light on the motives, strategies, and sociopolitical maneuvers of seventeenth-century Native leadership, and how Indigenous agency helped shape postcontact histories in the American Northeast.

Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth Century Northeastern North America costs \$95.00. To order a copy, contact the Hartford Barnes & Noble at uconnbookstore.com or call (860) 263-2260 or contact the State University of New York Press, 1-877-204-6073; suny@presswarehouse.com; www.sunypress.edu.



Kids’ Fishing Derby at Keney Park April 22

The annual Keney Park Family Fun Fishing Derby for kids 12 and under will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 4-7 pm. at the Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street. All recreation programming requires pre-registration via <https://hartford-ct.myrec.com/> or call (860)757-4880 or email recreation@hartford.gov to participate.

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Letters to the Editor

Plastic Is Not Recycled

In reply to Tom Swarr’s article on recycling trash, for all intent, plastic is not recycled. Although Tom did mention much valuable information on what is acceptable for recycling, much of which I was not aware of, he wasn’t correct on recycling plastic bottles. Most of us have been fed old inaccurate news or simply told lies about plastics.

Nobody wants to recycle this garbage. In a *Guardian* investigation dated, June, 2019, it was found that this stuff is almost wholly sent to landfills or it piles up in huge containers. China no longer accepts used plastic. The same for Vietnam, Turkey, Malaysia and Senegal, all former plastic recycle destinations. The junk is either buried or incinerated.

“Most people have no idea that most plastic doesn’t get recycled,” said John Hocevar, Oceans Campaign Director for Greenpeace USA, “even though they are buying something they only use for a few seconds before putting it in the recycle bin.” as quoted in the *Guardian* article.

The Connecticut Commissioner of Environment and Energy, Katie Dykes, I believe wants to increase the bottle returns which includes plastics bottles, to 10 cents a bottle. Will someone please update this commissioner that plastic bottles are no longer recycled?

I wouldn’t be surprised if the American Chemistry Council has partly perpetuated the false notion that this wonderful invention which continues to pollute the world’s oceans which fish then consume and sometimes die as a result of ingestion, want consumers to feel good that they are helping to partake in a greener world. Just like the tobacco industry proffered smoking as a wonderful relaxing indulgence after dinner or the sugar industry’s denial for decades that carbohydrates didn’t fatten up your little tushes.

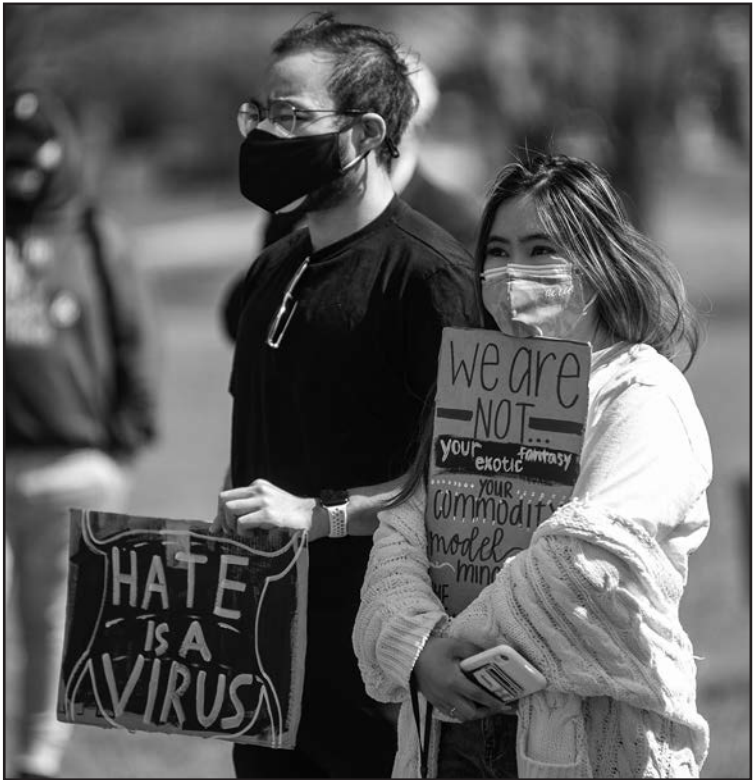
In the movie, “The Graduate,” Dustin Hoffman is admonished by an adult family friend at his graduation party as he pulls Dustin’s character aside, Benjamin, and says, “I have one word for you, Ben. Plastics.” That 1967 movie line was a perfect double entendre humorous hip meaning of “plastic” as someone phony yet plastics was said to be the future.

Bill Katz
Hartford

Letters to the Editor

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Rally Against Anti Asian Violence

In response to a surge in violent acts and continuing discrimination against Asian-Americans, a coalition of groups held a rally in Bushnell Park Saturday morning, April 10. Among the speakers was Joshua Gorero (above left), a political science major at Quinnipiac University in Hamden and Vice President of the Quinnipiac University Asian Student Alliance (QUASA). He is shown here with Rachel Reyes, President of QUASA. Many speakers at the event described their personal experiences with racism directed at them and their families while living in Connecticut. In addition to QUASA, the event was sponsored by UConn Law School Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Quinnipiac Law Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association. (Hart photo)



Bird Houses for Hartford from Prince Tech

This Winter and Spring, students at A.I Prince Technical School have all teamed up to build bird houses that will be placed in several strategic spots throughout Hartford. The masonry class built the concrete bases; the plumbing class made the stand; the carpentry class made the bird house itself; the auto body class painted it; and the graphics class made the signage. Finally, the bird houses are being installed and will be monitored by the bio-science class, which is shown above in Colt Park with their teacher, Ted Hinman (third from right). (Hart photo)

COLT PARK IS OPEN FOR FUN!

But don’t forget the masks and social distancing

BY DONNA SWARR

Construction is continuing this spring, but the good news is that Colt Park will be open. Softball fields 1,2,5, and 6 are being groomed, and the Roberto Clemente and Johnny Taylor Fields will be open by April 25th. The new soccer fields won’t be open until later in the summer. But the youth soccer field, vintage baseball field, and the three football/soccer fields are available for use. The new East Entrance at Hendrixsen Avenue and Maseek Street is well underway. There’s a pedestrian entrance on Curcombe Street or you can go through the Kinsella School access to enter the park. The pavilion and walkway along Stonington Street are not yet finished, and a futsal court is being designed to repurpose the old skating rink. An old, ugly, rusty fence along the sidewalk between Stonington Street and Morris Street Extension. has been removed, as was an old, ugly, weedy fence between the Johnny Taylor baseball field and the soccer fields.

The Friends of Colt Park is transitioning to becoming a foundation. Our mission is to promote a safe and healthy environment, preserve the park’s natural appearance, enhance its active and passive use, and increase public and private support for the enjoyment and betterment of the park by city and area residents. By becoming a foundation, we’ll be able to raise funding to support improvements and maintenance. Last fall we planted over 500 daffodils in the park at several locations for the Hope Gardens. Recently, we raised monies for some trees, installed a Little Free Library on the pool fence, as well as a temporary StoryWalk that the Hartford Public Library has lent us.

A park cleanup is being held Saturday, April 17th. You can choose to come at 8 a.m. to work on the fields, or at 10 a.m. to do a litter or stick/branch cleanup. Registration is required: email swarrds@comcast.net is you are available. Pickers, bags, and gloves will be provided. Everyone must wear face masks and remember to keep COVID social distance requirements.



While renovations are continuing at Colt Park, the park is open and will host numerous recreational activities this Spring, Summer and Fall.

This spring and summer there will be Park Ambassadors staffed by the city’s Recreation Division on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. starting Sunday, April 18th.

Don’t miss “Let’s Go Fly a Kite” on April 22nd from noon-2 p.m. by the playscape. You can register online

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use, copying and faxing as well as appointments for Municipal ID, passport services, and will restore notary services. The American Place and the Hartford History Center will continue to operate by appointment-only for the immediate future. The third floor children's room is currently having its flooring replaced and will not be available for public use but materials for children will be available as part of the browsing collection on the first floor. There will be a phased reopening of HPL's neighborhood branches. Beginning in early May the Camp Field Library and Barbour Street Library will open two days per week with other branch locations to follow throughout the upcoming months. Details on the schedule of days and hours will be announced at a later date. For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit hplct.org.

Each year, the Metropolitan District (MDC) provides its customers with an environmentally-friendly initiative, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HazWaste) program. The 2021 HazWaste Program is scheduled to begin Saturday, May 1.

The MDC collects hazardous waste and disposes of it through safe, environmentally responsible practices which in turn protects the health of our communities and the environment. The MDC will hold ten collection dates in 2021 and residents of any participating towns can partake in any collection date.

Participating towns for 2021 include: Bloomfield, East Granby, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks. See schedule for dates, times and locations.

In addition, as a result of COVID-19, the following protocols remain for 2021:

- Limit one person per vehicle.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Keep your windows rolled up.
- Be ready to place driver's license against window for proof of residency.
- Place only the waste items you want removed in the trunk of your vehicle. Remove all other items.
- Workers will remove the contents and will be in full safety gear.
- Fuel containers will not be emptied and returned.

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MDC Announces Schedule For Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Alkaline Batteries
- Ammonia
- Ant Sprays & Baits
- Antifreeze
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- Brake Fluid
- CFLs
- Cleaning Solvents
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Epoxy Products
- Fertilizers
- Flea Repellants
- Floor Care Products
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- Glues
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Kerosene & Fuel Oil
- Lighter Fluid
- Lithium Batteries
- Mercury
- Mercury Switches
- Mercury Thermometers
- Mercury Thermostats
- Moth Balls
- Oven Cleaners
- Paint (Latex & Oil)
- Pesticides
- Photo Chemicals

- Polyurethane
- Pool Chemicals
- Power Steering Fluid
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Road Flares
- Strippers/Thinners
- Transmission Fluid
- Turpentine
- Wood & Metal Polishes
- Wood Preservatives
- Wood Stains

MDC Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

(Collections are held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- May 1: Newington Town Garage, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
- May 8: Hartford MDC Operations Facility, 125 Maxim Road
- May 22: Windsor Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue
- June 5: Wethersfield Wethersfield High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
- June 27 (Sunday): West Hartford Public Works Garage, 17 Brixton Street
- Additional Hazardous Waste Collections will be held in the Fall.*

For more information about the HazWaste program, visit <https://themdc.org/what-we-do/environment-health-safety/household-hazardous-waste-collection> or call the HazWaste hotline at (860) 278-3809.

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SPRING SPORTS JUMPSTART



Hartford youth between the ages of 5 and 14* are invited to come outside and get active this Spring! The City of Hartford & the Hartford Youth Sport Collaborative are partnering to bring FREE rec sports programs throughout the city. All skill and experience levels welcome.

*Not all sports are available for all ages

All programs will be run by members of the Hartford Youth Sport Collaborative

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Youth Recreation

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Park and Weaver High School. The program will target physical conditioning and the mechanics of running, jumping, and throwing. These

city-wide clinics are scheduled to run weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 27th-June 10th from 6-8 p.m. CCTC is planning to schedule a city-wide meet where athletes get a chance to compete at the end of the spring session. Lots of kids are going to have a blast! To make sure your child is one of them, register ASAP.

How to register:

Families can sign up through the City of Hartford's MyRec portal, Hartfordct.myrec.com. Setting up an account is a one-time event that allows you register for recreational programs or request a permit for a field. You will need to enter the primary adult first, and can add other members of your household from the Account Members portion of your account. To register for a program, log in to your account, click on the Register icon at the top your account or click Register from the navigation bar and select a program of interest. These spring youth programs are free, but you must register. Click Add to Cart next to the desired activity to add activities to the cart for that member of your household, or click Change Member to add activities to the cart for another member of the household. Click Check Out to review your shopping cart, then continue to move forward with your order.

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- Friday, April 16, 10 AM – 4 PM; Sportsmen's Athletic Club, 2976 Main Street, Hartford; Walk-up, no appointment clinic for Hartford residents
- Saturday, April 17, 10 AM – 2:30 PM; Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford; Walk-up, no appointment clinic for Hartford residents
- Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 11 AM – 7 PM; Fred D. Wish Museum School Parking Lot, 350 Barbour Street, Hartford; Appointments available by calling 2-1-1, but walk-ups will be taken
- Sunday, April 18 and Monday, April 19, 11 AM – 7 PM; Saint Lawrence O'Toole/Maria Reina de la Paz Parish, 494 New Britain Avenue, Hartford; Appointments available by calling 2-1-1, but walk-ups will be taken

Make an Appointment

By Phone:

- Multilingual State Line: 877-918-2224, M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- Multilingual Hartford Healthcare Line: 860-827-7690, M-F 8 am-5 pm
- Multilingual City Health Dept: 860-757-4830, M-F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. City is expanding staffing to answer calls.

Online:

- ct.gov/covidvaccine: State of CT: Put your zip code in top corner
- HartfordHealthCare.org/vaccine: Hartford Healthcare (Hartford Hosp.)
- TrinityHealthOfNE.org/appointment: Trinity

Healthcare (St. Francis Hosp.)

- City of Hartford: <https://www.hartfordct.gov>. There is a link at the top of the City of Hartford website to the City Vaccine Interest Online Form.

Where to go for your vaccine

- **Every Saturday: Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 10 am - 3 pm. Appointment required! Call (860) 757-4830 or go to City of Hartford website and click on Vaccine Registration Form.**
- **Every Tuesday, 9am - 4 pm: parking lot across from Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 1215 Main Street, (vaccine site managed by Charter Oak Health Center). Call 860-550-7500 and then dial 0 to make an appointment (required).**
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Community Health Center, 76 New Britain Ave., (860) 547-0970
- Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave., (860) 249-9625
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington St., (860) 545-9000
- Hartford Healthcare Clinic (CT Convention Center), 100 Columbus Blvd., 860-827-7690
- Hartford Hospital, 85 Seymour St., 860-827-7690
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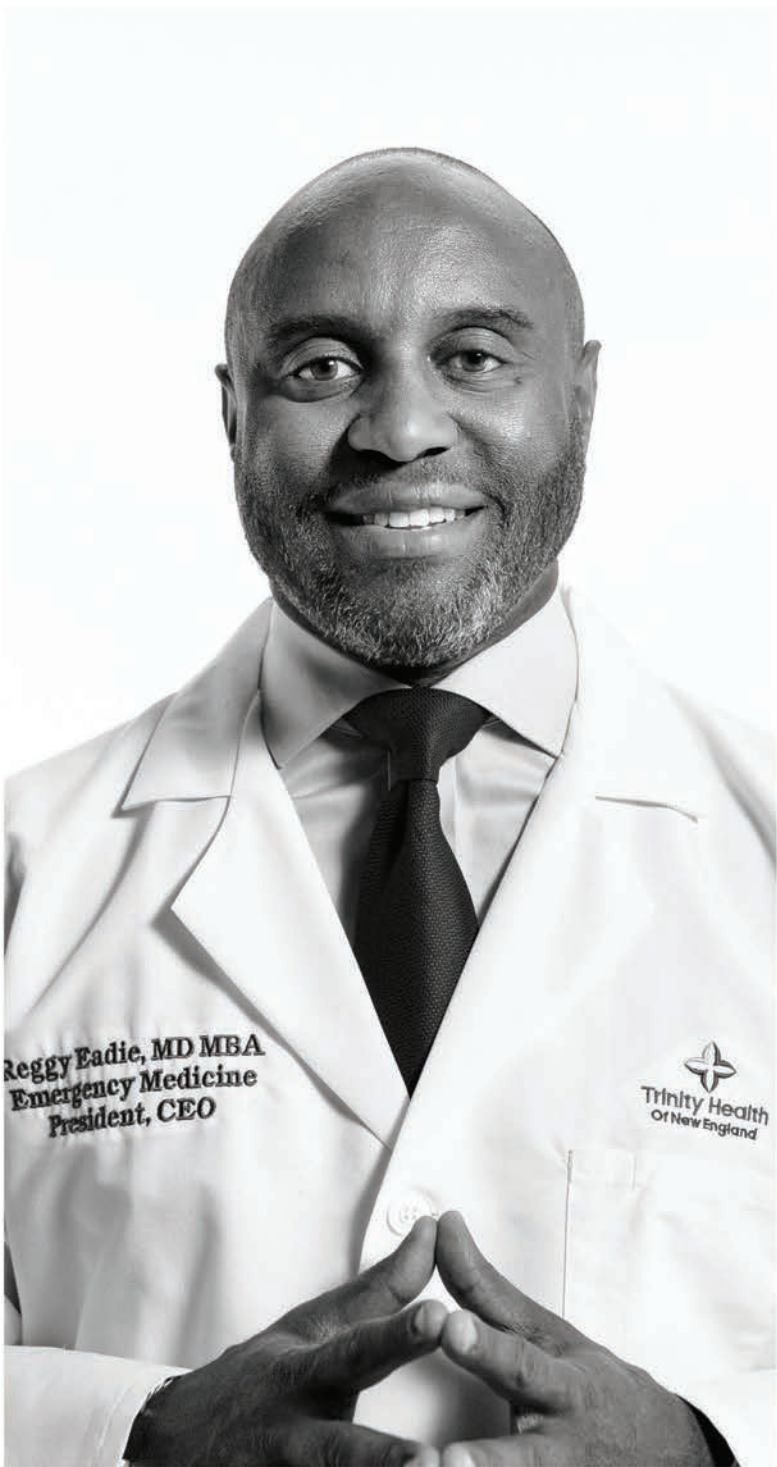
Child Abuse Prevention Month Marked

Andrea Coleman, a clinician at the The Village for Families and Children in Hartford gets ready to install another pinwheel on the front lawn of the State Capitol last Friday, April 9. In all, 1,000 pinwheels were installed to mark National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event was organized by the Annie C. Courtney Foundation, which works to provide support to foster, adoptive and kinship families as well as young people who have experienced foster care through trainings, support groups, referral services, and recruitment of families for children who need them. Volunteers at Friday's event came from the foundation's many partner organizations, including The Village. (Hart photo)

Yolanda Lawrence Fundraiser

Yolanda Lawrence, a woman very close to my heart, passed away in September. Melissa Everett has organized a fundraising campaign to help Yolanda's two sons pay for her funeral expenses. Yolanda was a caregiver for Melissa's 98-year-old mother. Visit [Gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and enter "Yolanda Lawrence" in the search engine. The fundraiser is posted under the heading "Memorial Expenses for a Loving Mother". Please donate what you can and share the fundraiser on social media. Thank you.

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Swift Factory

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under great physical and emotional stress for several months—including an increase in her medication for high blood pressure and her ongoing recovery from cancer surgery--while tirelessly fulfilling her mission but also dealing with what had become a “toxic environment” on Love Lane, gave her attorney the go-ahead to negotiate a settlement. She is adamantly determined to continue her commitment to Angel of Edgewood’s work serving those in need, but from a new area location.

Voices from the community:

Community Solutions has said of the Swift Factory that “It’s all about sustaining and supporting minority small businesses.” But in addition to several tenants, there are those who work or live within the North End communities who are skeptical of that mission, and have been since Swift’s planning stages. Carrie Howe of “Night Angels” (who is white but until recently lived and worked in the north end for many years) had this to say: “Another prime example of a quick handout for funding that they think the ‘smaller’ leaders won’t hold them accountable, or can be bought. I remember when the group was surveying the location years back, all dressed in nice little suits. Timothy Hersh Fraylon and I had just met with the owner of the new grocery that was once Ctown, seeing how we could help get business going. Sometime later when I saw the group (CS) walking in a huddle surveying that space, I remember how nervous they looked. How they didn’t speak to anyone outside. ‘How will this help the neighborhood? Will it help the Barbour street grocery store, the library, etc?’ The answer was no answer. They didn’t speak to any of us that day. And that’s what these entities do. They find “poor” communities assuming no one will push back and they can set up shop under the premise of being some community savior project. The building is just an empty shell. They need people to justify the monies they receive, but with no inten-

tion of ever being involved. You accepted that money with the vision and purpose attached to it. You’d better know the community you’re doing business and profiting off of.”

Kamora Herrington, owner-operator of Kamora’s Cultural Corner: “This is not surprising and yet another feel-good idea that wasn’t thought of long enough. Add to that the need for capitalism to win and there is no way this Swift pipe dream was going to be what they said it was going to be. When we had to leave Albany Avenue this site was suggested, this site that was never intended to truly serve the folks who they thought they were there to serve. That place wasn’t created for us, it was created to get us to try to act right (and proving that we can’t, hence the ‘angry Black woman’ comment which had to happen), while providing a space for progressive white folks to gain their North End cred and flip the hood. Can’t get angry when for some reason we pretended like Swift wasn’t another pretty plantation turned sharecropping factory.”

Some ongoing issues at Swift:

Mail: There is one mailbox for the entire facility—mail addressed to both the business tenants and the management. It’s locked and management has the only key. Sometimes the box isn’t opened for up to a week and mail then distributed to the tenants, envelopes including checks, inquiries, orders, and bills. Envelopes have at times been slit open by management before they get to the addressees, a practice that occurs in many companies with employee mail, but tenants are not employees of Swift or Community Solutions; they are business owners renting space.

Unprofessionalism: A tenant was approached by CS management and asked if she’d seen or heard from another tenant, and was told that person was behind in their rent and likely to be evicted. At another time, CS was giving a tour to visitors and was overheard “talking trash” about Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, saying to the guests that Bronin does “absolute-

ly nothing” for Swift and only shows up for photo-ops.

Security: After retracting the original plan to have a police substation in the Swift Factory area of the community, and then promising on-site security personnel instead (which has not happened), the Hartford News inquired of CS when that would occur. The reply was that they had a “security infrastructure” in place, which they could or would not describe, only that it didn’t require any security officers.

Safety: Management has proven to be reactive rather than proactive. When one tenant brought up the issue of sinks in the dish rooms being improperly installed, causing water to splash on the floor making it slippery and leading to an employee slipping and falling, the tenant requested anti-slip mats. The response from CS was to just walk more carefully; mats were not needed. But when the tenant complaint was made public, the mats finally appeared. In another instance, a tenant who was working in the otherwise empty building early in the morning heard a fire alarm go off. She called 911 and HFD arrived. They determined that there was no active fire but could not disarm the alarm because it wasn’t connected to the fire department; the tenants had been told by management that it was. Again, when that became public, CS arranged to have it connected to HFD.

Offensive: At a meeting with CS management earlier this year, tenants raised an issue concerning the women’s rest rooms in the common areas—a lack of toilet paper—and asked that they keep it sufficiently stocked. The head of Leasing and Marketing said there was “no reason” it should run out, and then mimed pulling toilet paper from a roll and wrapping it three times around his hand, saying that was all they needed to use. The adult, professional, business-owning tenants present were shocked, appalled, and dumbstruck at his performance.

Bait-and-Switch:

Kim Bridges is the owner-oper-

ator of “Gifted Onez”, a successful performing arts company she founded in Hartford more than 20 years ago, where youth are taught dance, acting, singing, poetry, and learn life skills and games. They’d been meeting at a space in Bloomfield that the group had outgrown, and last August she met with the CS management team—Leasing and Management and the Assistant Program Manager (who she’d known when growing up in Hartford)—for a tour of Swift where she was hoping to move her business. They showed her a very large space and said they would put up a wall for her. Bridges had a grant from the city to support Gifted Onez, but was able and willing to pay the rent for the space herself. CS quoted her a price of \$1350 per month and she would be responsible for monthly utility bills (utilities at Swift are not included in tenant rents) of \$100-\$200 a month. They told her the space would be ready by December. She agreed and happily began planning her move. She later received an email from CS with a writeup of what she’d be provided with, and was devastated when it said her rent would be \$2,670 a month. That figure was way beyond her budget and she was in tears. “He went back on his word!”, she told the Hartford News. CS the told her they would find a grant for her to cover erecting the wall (which they had previously said would be included), estimating the cost to be \$100,000. The Assistant Program Manager called her and assured her he would talk to Leasing and Management to negotiate a lower price and would call her in “a couple of days”. She never heard from him again, and never moved in. Swift’s marketing literature states “We have the money to assist you in all ways.”

Another tenant speaks out:

On Monday this week, Jendayi Miller was contacted by a fellow Swift tenant who was near hysterics and at the end of her rope concerning issues with CS management. Miller told her to talk to the Hartford News, as it was preparing a follow-up story, and a meeting was arranged with Coretta London, the owner-oper-

ator of Zuka Catering. London, who is Guyanese and who formerly owned the Roti restaurant on Main Street, has been in the catering business since 1989, was able to get the space she wanted at Swift and in December 2020 she moved Zuka there. She was able to secure a big storage room in the basement, necessary for all the equipment catering large events involves; tables, linens, chafing dishes, and more. In February, she found that her storage space had been locked, denying her access to her equipment and dry food products. There was a tenant meeting at that time she was unable to attend, but when she heard about it from other tenants, she fell apart. The head of leasing and Marketing had made an example of her in front of the other tenants. London was one month behind in her rent (she is currently up-to-date), but at that time he named her and told other tenants at the meeting that he had removed all of her refrigerated goods—including quantities of Cracker Barrel cheeses, butter, and milk—and thrown it away; public shaming and a warning for those present. When she heard this, she said she’d told him she couldn’t be at the meeting, the food was not expired, and asked why he hadn’t contacted her. He then told her to fill out a form for a grant and the someone would call her. They never did. She asked why and received no answer. Last week she sent him another text asking again about the grant and he replied “I’ll let you know.” London’s next issue arose concerning her bill for cooking gas. Although arriving at Swift in December, she did not have the gas in her kitchen turned on until February, yet she started receiving bills (which she paid) of \$500 per month from the gas company. Frustrated, she contacted the gas company and was surprised to find that her meter was also recording the gas usage of four other adjacent tenant kitchens, all being billed to her. Very upset, she reported this to CS management, who only replied “We have to sort it out.” Coretta London told the Hartford News “Now he’s avoiding me.”

Shootings

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the two shootings were unrelated but now believe that they are. The investigation into both murders is continuing but police have yet to identify a suspect in either killing as of Wednesday morning.

On Monday, April 12, Hartford Mothers United Against Violence (MUAV), held a vigil in memory of Randell at the site of his murder. Over 100 people attended.

MUAV President Henrietta Beckman, who lost her son to gun violence over a decade ago, was one of the speakers at the vigil and pleaded for an end to the violence. “You have to understand, these streets are killing us,” she said.

Other speakers decried the killings and offered comfort to Randell’s mother, who attended the

vigil with family and friends. But many expressed their despair and frustration with the seemingly unending cycle of violence that flares up and down but never leaves the city.

“When we look at this city, it seems like the only thing that’s winning is the guns,” said Hartford City Councilman T.J. Clarke. “Let this be the last time we have to gather at an event like this.”

Mayor Luke Bronin also attended the vigil and turning to Randell’s mother, Solmary, said, “Our whole city is heartbroken with you.” Like several other speakers, Bronin urged anyone who knew anything about either of Saturday’s shooting to pass it along to the police or someone they trusted. “You’re not being a stitch, you could be saving a life,” Bronin said.

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100th Birthday To Be Celebrated



Hattie M. Henry of Hartford will celebrate her 100th birthday in a special way at the North End Senior Center, 80 Coventry Street, Hartford, next week. At 10:30 am on Wednesday, April 21, friends and family will stage a rolling birthday celebration as they drive by the senior center to salute Hattie’s reaching the century mark. Hattie was born on April 21, 1921 in Edgefield, South Carolina to Wiley & Catherine Morgan. She moved to Washington D.C. at an early age, and graduated from Cardoza High School. She worked as a nursing assistant at the Malcolm Grow U.S.A.F. Medical Center. While in Washing she participated in many community activities, including the movement to desegregate schools and the famous Martin Luther King, Jr. rally in the nation’s capital in 1963. She later

married and moved to Hartford where she worked as a respiratory technician at the Newington Veterans Administration Medical Center. She is an active member of St. Monica’s Episcopal Church and active in Makalia Court #137, Tamar Court#1 Heroines of Jericho, Stella Chapter #16, O.E.S., the Northend Senior Center and the Blue Hills Civic Association. Happy Birthday!

Virtual Hearing on Food Trucks April 19

On Monday April 19, a Hartford City Council will hold a Virtual Public Hearing will be held at 7:00PM amending the Ordinance Chapter 27: Itinerant Vendors, Street Vendors, and Food Trucks. It can be viewed via Hartford Public Access Television, www.hpatv.org or Channel 96 for Comcast/Xfinity customers. To sign up to speak, please email Charmaine Craig, Executive Assistant for: Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Email: Charmaine.Craig@hartford.gov Phone: 860-757-9737. For more information, go to Hartford News, April 1, 2021.

Coltsville Walkability Tour Monday

This Monday, April 19, a

Walkability and bike route audit of the Coltsville and Dillon Stadium area will be held at 3:30 pm. Registration is required. To register, go to https://www.facebook.com/events/121310243234744 and RSVP through the link. The tour is a collaborative event involving Transport Hartford, BiCi Co., the Friends of Colt Park, AARP CT, and the Hartford Athletic soccer team. Facemasks required.

Puppet Show April 24

On Saturday, April 24, ISH, a free shadow puppet show will be held at 6:30 pm in Ramon Quiros Park, located off Hudson Street between Buckingham and Park Streets. The event will be held outdoors so please spread out to practice safe social distancing. Felicia Cooper, who is putting on this show, built up a bicycle and cargo trailer with help from BiCi Co. to transport the show from park to park in Greater Hartford.

Student Internship at Coltsville

Coltsville National Historical Park is now offering a Student Conservation Association Internship. The intern will assist the Coltsville team with community outreach, digital media, inter-

pretation, events, and building awareness of the new park. One of the tasks includes driving a NPS van. For more information, go to https://www.nps.gov/colt/get-involved/sca-recruitment.htm.

Virtual Complete Streets Meeting April 22

There will be a virtual meeting on Hartford’s proposed Complete Streets Plan on Thursday, April 22 at 6 pm. This meeting will be held over webex, https://tinyurl.com/ddscs042221. If you would like to be involved as the Plan moves forward, let us know at this link: https://tinyurl.com/CSTaskForceInterestForm. The Plan can be found at this link: https://tinyurl.com/ddscsPlan.

Job Training Program Accepting Applications Now

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Training will be held at the CRT Youth Artisan and Technology Center, 1443-1445 Main Street, Hartford. For more information, call 860-560-5308, ext. 227.

Earth Day Clean-up at Kamora’s Corner April 24

Kamora’s Cultural Corner will host a clean-up and beautification of its Sterling Street Nature Reserve and Sanctuary on Saturday, April 24, from 9 am - 1 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and “be prepared to get dirty.” The event will also include a book-give-away and a sale of “Our Black People Are Fabulous” lawn signs.

Colt Park

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for a kite or airplane to build by going to https://hartfordct.myrec.com. The Los Amigos Softball Leagues’ opening day will be April 25th at 11 a.m. Pools will be opening on a staggered schedule with the dates to be determined. Due to Covid protocols you’ll need to register for this as well. A grand reopening event in Colt Park is being planned for early October. We hope to do it earlier, depending on when the construction

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Hartford llora la muerte a tiros de un niño de tres años

Mientras la ciudad calcula la muerte a tiros de dos jóvenes, de 3 y 16 años, los funcionarios estatales dijeron que están listos para aprovechar el dinero federal de recuperación de COVID para abordar la violencia con armas de fuego que persiste durante la pandemia.

Los tiroteos del sábado, separados por dos horas y una milla, mataron a Randell Jones, de Hartford, de 3 años, y a Ja'Mari Preston, de New Britain, de 16 años. Aunque inicialmente se pensó que no estaban relacionados, la policía de Hartford dijo el lunes que los tiroteos parecen estar vinculados. Mientras más de 100 personas se reunieron en el North End de Hartford el lunes para llamar a la acción a raíz de los tiroteos, el gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que estaban nuevamente listos para usar los fondos federales de COVID para abordar la violencia armada, similar a cuando se disparó el verano pasado.

"Lo hicimos anteriormente debido a la naturaleza de la demanda con todos en cuarentena y lo que eso significaba en términos de algunos picos de violencia que se remontan a unos meses atrás y estamos listos para hacerlo nuevamente según sea necesario", dijo Lamont. Los tiroteos del fin de semana, dijo Lamont, fueron un recordatorio de que la violencia armada no se ha detenido a través de la pandemia. "COVID no es lo único que roba vidas, también lo es la violencia armada", dijo Lamont el lunes durante una conferencia de prensa sobre COVID-19.

Junto a Lamont estaba el pastor Marichal Monts, cuya iglesia Citadel of Love se encuentra a unas cuadras de donde le dispararon a Randell.

Monts dijo que la gente debe unirse y preguntar: "¿Es este el Hartford que queremos? ¿Es este el Connecticut que queremos? ¿Es este el mundo que queremos, donde nuestros hijos están siendo asesinados?"

Continuó diciendo: "Es una cosa en la que la gente puede tomar decisiones para hacer ciertas cosas, pero un niño de 3 años, quiero decir, vamos. Tenemos que arreglar esto. Tenemos que arreglar esto rápido".

Los agentes fueron llamados al primero de los dos tiroteos poco antes de las 2:30 p.m. Sábado cuando se informó de disparos en Nelson Street.

Los investigadores se enteraron de que el pasajero de un Honda Accord negro robado abrió fuego contra otro vehículo que contenía dos adultos y tres niños, dijo la policía.

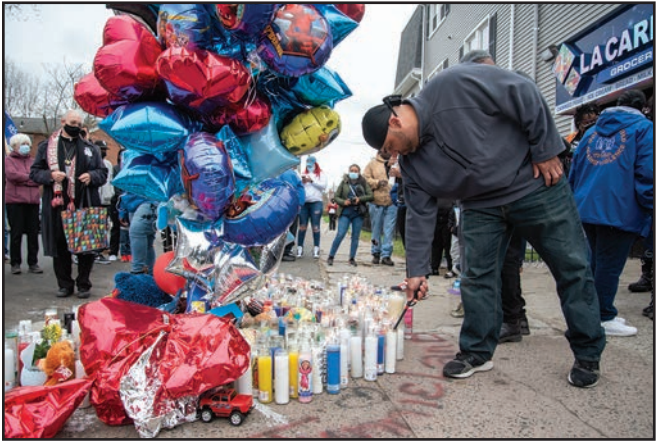
Uno de los niños, Randell, de 3 años, fue trasladado de urgencia a un hospital cercano con heridas de

cionados.

A pies de donde le dispararon a Randell, los residentes se unieron a sus familiares, funcionarios electos, clérigos y oficiales de policía el lunes para presionar a la comunidad para que ponga fin a la violencia con armas de fuego que provocó la muerte de los niños.

"Es un día triste aquí en Hartford. Un niño de 3 años y otro de 16 años

perdieron la vida el mismo día, con horas de diferencia. Si eso no es suficiente para hacer que se pregunte qué está pasando, ¿qué nos va a mover? ¿Qué nos va a mover?" dijo el reverendo Henry Brown, cuya organización Mothers United Against Violence convocó a la comunidad para la vigilia. "Sabemos de los con-



stantes tiroteos. Sabemos que la sangre se derrama en nuestro vecindario una y otra vez. ¿No te cansas de escuchar que le dispararon a alguien? "Flanqueada por familiares y miembros de Mothers United Against Violence, la madre de Randell se negó a hablar.

El alcalde Luke Bronin, entre lágrimas, pidió que este sea el día en que "las cosas realmente empiecen a cambiar y ninguno de nosotros lo acepta".

"No hay palabras adecuadas para hoy. Y lo siento si el mío se queda corto. Lamento cuando nosotros, como ciudad, nos quedamos cortos, pero esta es una ciudad llena de mucha gente con mucho amor", dijo Bronin.

Los reunidos en la vigilia del lunes instaron a la gente a hablar si saben quién fue el responsable de los asesinatos. "Necesitas ver algo, decir algo. Es por eso que tienes esta policía para encargarse de esta violencia en estas calles", dijo Brown.

La policía, consciente de que hubo varias personas que vieron lo sucedido, volvió a llamar a testigos el lunes mientras buscaban justicia para la familia. "Continuaremos dedicando todos los recursos para llevar a los perpetradores ante la justicia, y estamos agradecidos por nuestros socios que están trabajando junto a nosotros. También pedimos nuevamente a nuestra comunidad que presente la información que puedan tener", dijo el jefe de policía Jason Thody. By Iris Rodriguez

Los detectives de la División de Delitos Mayores, que trabajan con los investigadores de la escena del crimen, continúan buscando pistas en el caso a partir del lunes. Los oficiales de policía dijeron que la víctima intencionada del tiroteo desde un vehículo huyó después de que se dispararon. El lunes, el teniente Aaron Boisvert dijo que el hombre fue al departamento de policía y habló con los investigadores.

Aproximadamente dos horas después de que le dispararan a Randell, la policía se apresuró a realizar otro tiroteo a una milla de distancia en Magnolia Street, donde Ja'Mari fue asesinado. Se descubrieron casquillos de bala de rifle en el lugar, según la policía.

Ja'Mari era estudiante en las escuelas del Consejo de Educación de la Región Capitol. El director ejecutivo de CREC, Greg Florio, dijo que Ja'Mari "se hizo querer por muchos miembros del personal y estudiantes que están devastados por su repentina y trágica muerte". Boisvert, jefe de la División de Delitos Mayores del Departamento de Policía de Hartford, dijo el lunes que "tienen información que nos lleva a creer" que los disparos estaban relacionados. Se negó a decir por qué los investigadores ahora creen que los tiroteos están rela-



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